

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**BOARD MEETING
POST Board Office
1600 University Avenue, Suite 200
Saint Paul, Minnesota
July 27, 2017**

Members Present

Mr. Tim Bildsoe (Chair)
Mr. Dave Bentrud
Mr. Clarence Castile
Mr. Andrew Evans
Mr. Mark Fahning
Mr. Joel Olejnicak
Mr. Kevin Stenson
Ms. Becky Swanson
Mr. Dave Titus
Mr. Kent Wilkening
Mr. Jim Yang

Staff Present

Mr. Nate Gove
Ms. Karen McGillic, Asst.
A.G.
Mr. Mark Raquet
Ms. Deb Soderbeck
Ms. Peggy Strand

Others Present

Mr. Tom Draper
Mr. Mike Smith
Ms. Mary Vukelich
*Approximately 30 others
who did not sign in.

Members Absent

Mr. Medaria Arradondo
Dr. Joel Powell
Mr. Troy Wolbersen

**Persons Who Spoke Prior to the
Peace Officer Training
Reimbursement Fund Vote**

Mr. Curtis Avent
Ms. Valerie Castile
Lt. Bob Kroll
Ms. Rachel Nichols
Ms. Caty Royce
Ms. Shelly Schaefer
Mr. John Thompson
Mr. Chuck Turchick

Chair Bildsoe asked that the audience members who wished to speak during the meeting fill out speaker cards and give them to him. He called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The **Forum** was the next item on the agenda. No one present asked to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair Bildsoe looked for a motion to approve the agenda.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Wilkening moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Titus seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the April 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Chair Bildsoe looked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Fahning moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Announcements: Mr. Gove introduced the two, newly appointed Board members as of July 11, 2017. He welcomed Mr. Clarence Castile who is serving as a Public Member, and Mr. Kevin Stenson serving as an Elected Official from a community outside the metro area under 5,000 population. Mr. Gove provided a brief background on each new member. Chair Bildsoe appointed Mr. Castile to the Training Committee and Mr. Stenson to the Standards Committee.

Chair Bildsoe recognized outgoing Board members Ms. Nancy Johnson, public member, and former-Chief Paul Schnell. Neither could attend the meeting but will be at the October 26, 2017 meeting.

Governor's Request to Rename the Peace Officer Training Reimbursement fund:

Chair Bildsoe and Executive Director Gove received a letter from Governor Dayton requesting the new, 12 million dollar Peace Officer Training Reimbursement fund be named to memorialize Philando Castile.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Fahning moved that the name of the fund remain as Peace Officer Training Reimbursement. Mr. Wilkening seconded the motion. Chair Bildsoe opened the floor for discussion and called on those persons who requested to speak.

Mr. Chuck Turchick, a Minneapolis resident, commented that he thought naming the fund as recommended by the Governor could be a bridge between the community and the police. He also said that at the June 27, 2017 Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations meeting, Mr. Clarence Castile suggested naming the bill the Philando Castile Training Act. He said no one at that meeting, including Mr. Gove, spoke in opposition and a motion in support of naming the bill passed unanimously. **Lt. Bob Kroll**, a Minneapolis Police Officer and president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, commented that no fund had ever been named after a person before, not any of the 243 officers killed in the line of duty, and said he believed politics should be kept out of policing. **Ms. Caty Royce**, a representative of the Frogtown Neighborhood Association and resident of south Minneapolis said she read the public comments and asked how someone was to know comments were being solicited. She also spoke in favor of more training for police and for naming the fund as recommended by the Governor. **Mr. John Thompson**, a friend and co-worker of Mr. Philando Castile, spoke passionately about issues related to his death and the legal process that followed. He commented that his friend was murdered and naming the training bill after him is the least that could be done for his memory. **Ms. Shelly Schaefer**, a professor from Hamline University, said her students view this [naming the fund after Mr. Castile] as an agreement that change is going to happen. **Ms. Valerie Castile**, mother to Philando, spoke passionately about her desire for justice and said her son deserves the bill be named after him. She asked the Board to hold off on a vote until the community provided input. **Mr. Curtis Avent** said he felt the written comments the board had received prior to the meeting were incredibly divisive and in the interest of the community good, the fund should be named after Philando Castile. **Ms. Rachel Nichols** commented naming the bill after Philando is a step in the right direction in making progress.

Board Member Mr. Clarence Castile said there would be no training bill, there would be no training fund if his nephew Philando had not been killed. "Out of respect and appreciation, the Castile family asked the Governor to put Philando's name on the bill that became the fund," he said. He also provided other comments to support the naming as a positive step towards accountability, a means of bringing security to the community, and to bridge relationships. "We don't want to make any more Philando Castiles, and we don't want any more officers in the shape or form of Geronimo Yanez. We have to start somewhere to build that bridge, and this is where we need to start."

- **AMENDMENT:** Mr. Castile requested amending the motion to delay the vote until the October 26th Board meeting to allow for more community involvement.

Chair Bildsoe seconded the amendment and asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Bentrud, Mr. Castile and Chair Bildsoe voted to support the amendment. Mr. Evans abstained. Mr. Fahning, Mr. Olejnicak, Mr. Stenson, Ms. Swanson, Mr. Titus, Mr. Wilkening and Mr. Yang opposed the amendment. The amendment failed.

- **RETURN TO ORIGINAL MOTION:** A roll call vote was requested. Mr. Bentrud, Mr. Fahning, Mr. Olejnicak, Mr. Stenson, Ms. Swanson, Mr. Titus, Mr. Wilkening and Mr. Yang voted that the fund remain the Peace Officer Training Reimbursement fund. Mr. Evans abstained. Mr. Castile and Chair Bildsoe voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Bildsoe called for a 5 minute recess.

Training Committee Report: Committee Chair Bentrud referred to Ms. Strand who addressed the Board and provided background information about the recommended changes to the pre-service learning objectives language to reflect current legislative & professional vernacular. There was no discussion.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Swanson moved to adopt the recommended changes. Mr. Olejnicak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gove reported on the following, but first he wanted a couple of clarifications on the record. First, he said that he abstained from voting on the motion in front of the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations not because he approved or disapproved of it but because the council was not notified prior to the meeting of June 27th that it would be coming before the council so without Board direction, he abstained. He also clarified that the POST Board had no role in any activities regarding the use and policies of body-worn cameras by law enforcement, and "It was stated the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association solicited members to comment on this matter of naming the bill and I am not aware that occurred. In fact, their Executive Director stated that did not happen," he said.

Mr. Gove then gave a financial report including information on the end of fiscal year 2017, the reimbursement fund, and the beginning budget information for fiscal year 2018. He told the Board the additional \$6 million dollars would not be an available part of reimbursement until the close of fiscal year 2018 (August 2018). The POST Board did not prevail in adding an FTE position of a communications person. He went on to provide the following information.

- During the annual renewal of approximately one-third of peace officer licenses, on-line renewal numbers increased from 494 in 2016 to 905 in 2017. "We are trying to get people to use the on-line system," he said.
- The deadline for annual training reimbursement is approaching and POST has received 269 of 428 applications.
- The Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations continues to meet and Mr. Gove would like to receive comments from the Board on the preliminary report he distributed to the members prior to the September

29th meeting that concludes the charge of the council and the report to the Governor.

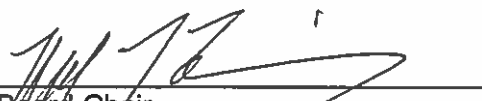
- Mr. Gove recapped the strategic plan and progress made in each area. He said he was elated for law enforcement and the public by the passage of the training bill with mandates in particular areas of continuing education.
- The continuing education (CE) on-line tracking system is fully functional and officers can view their CE online.
- The contract for online licensing exam delivery is within weeks of signature.
- Through the media consulting company, there have been numerous opportunities of late to reach-out and make people aware of what the POST Board is and does.
- Mr. Raquet rejoined the staff as a 12-month, temporary Standard's Coordinator. "It was helpful that he was willing to come back as we continue to have matters that we need to oversee in terms of licensure, etc.," said Mr. Gove.
- Ms. Strand has put together a framework for building the new learning objectives (for the new, mandated training) that will seek a great deal of input from interested parties on the types of learning objectives they would like to see the Board authorize.

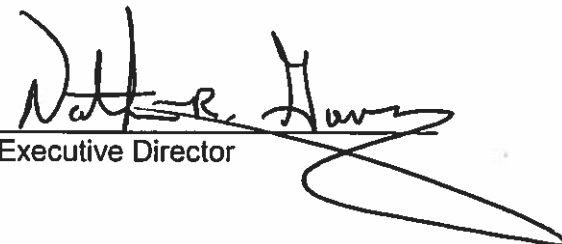
That concludes my report," he said. There were no questions.

Chair Bildsoe thanked the people in the audience for attending before he closed the meeting for the **Licensure Matters**. During the closed session, Mr. Raquet presented five Settlement Agreement and Consent Orders (SACOs). Each was considered separately, discussed, and voted on by the Board individually. Also, one previously adopted SACO had the stay of suspension lifted. Complaint Committee members Mr. Fahning, Ms. Swanson, and Mr. Wilkening, abstained from voting on all SACOs.

Seeing no additional business before the Board, Chair Bildsoe adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training when it met on October 26, 2017.


Board Chair


Executive Director